



**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – ROOM 209
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman R. Gianazza called the meeting to order at 7:03pm; beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board: Chairman R. Gianazza, Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, Secretary S. Hathorn, J. Rossi, M. Mulvaney, and First Selectman S. Dunn

Absent Member: M. Zerbe

Also Present: Treasurer J. Lucas and members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Betsy McIlvaine, 127 Long Meadow Hill Road

*Andrew Ellis, Headquarters Fire Department

*Rich Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Mulvaney, for the approval of an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the General Fund for the work proposed by the BOS at Cadigan Town Park. That money is to be replenished immediately to the General Fund upon receipt of funds from the contractor. Motion passes 5-0.

After discussion on the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget for Town Referendum:

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi to move the appropriation for the Zero Turn Mower from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$15,895.00. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza

Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

Secretary S. Hathorn

J. Rossi

Members Voting No

M. Mulvaney

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to move the financing for ½ of cost for the storage building at Cadigan Park from the over 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$14,500. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
Secretary S. Hathorn
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

M. Mulvaney

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to move the appropriation for the funding of the lighting controls at Cadigan Park from the over 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$9,125. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to reallocate the funding for the (2) heat pumps at Town Hall from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn to move the appropriation for the hot water heater at the Police Department from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$4,500. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
Secretary S. Hathorn
J. Rossi

Members Abstaining

M. Mulvaney

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds for the evidence and records storage system at the Police Department from the over 10 year financing to the under 10 year bond financing in the amount of \$15,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to reinstate the request for the Hearst Tool in the under 10 year bond financing in the amount of \$35,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, that we change the amount of funding for HVAC replacement at the Candlewood Fire House by \$25,000 to the over 10 year bond financing from the under 10 year financing for a total of \$50,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds for the concrete pad seal at the Center Fire House from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$10,000. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
Secretary S. Hathorn
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

M. Mulvaney

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds for the turn out gear rack from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$5,200. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Reilly, to reallocate the funds for the firefighter rehab equipment for Center Fire House from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$3500. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds for painting of 5 classrooms at Whisconier Middle School, painting of 5 classrooms at Center School, painting of 5 classrooms at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School and 5 classrooms at Brookfield High School from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$7500 per school. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds for refinishing the stage floor at Whisconier Middle School from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$6,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to reallocate the funds for receptacles to eliminate battery chargers at Whisconier Middle School from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$7,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate the funds to replace ceiling tiles at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,000. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to remove the \$5,000 request for tile replacement at Center Elementary School. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
Secretary S. Hathorn
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

M. Mulvaney

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reallocate funds for power wash, paint and patch, repaint exterior, roof and deicing cable from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for the repaint and \$10,000 for the roof and deicing cable. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to combine the items for scoreboard upgrades, wiring and communication, and scoreboard upgrades in Old/Gold Gym, funding at Brookfield High School into one category and reallocate the funding of the total of the 3 scoreboards from the under 10 year bond financing to the General Fund and amend the amount from \$25,000 to \$12,500. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to rescind the financing for the biometrics attendance from \$10,000 to \$0. Motion passes 4-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza

Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

M. Mulvaney

J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to add an additional \$10,884 into the operating budget for the Candlewood Fire Company, line item #5521 to fully fund them in the amount of \$148,884. Motion passes 5-0.

The Board took a 5 minute intermission at 8:36pm.

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to take \$100,000 from the Education budget. After discussion, Chairman R. Gianazza withdrew his motion.

Chairman R. Gianazza amended his motion, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, pending the result of Superintendent Barile's confirmation that the additional \$100,000 is not in error. If the monies are in error then the Board will approve \$100,000 less. If the monies are not in error the Board will approve the full number. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, to approve the Town of Brookfield 2016-2017 Town Budget with a new mil rate of 26.40. This motion is pending upon Superintendent Barile's confirmation that the additional \$100,000 discussed is not in error. Secretary S. Hathorn rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to approve the Town of Brookfield 2016-2017 Town Budget as follows:

Town Operating Budget in the amount of \$16,854,638
Town General Contingency in the amount of \$445,481

Education Budget in the amount of \$40,381,472 (contingent upon Superintendent Barile's confirmation that the additional \$100,000 discussed is not in error)

Capital in the amount of \$1,310,094

Debt Service in the amount of \$4,412,675

Total Town and Education Budget in the amount of \$63,404,360

Motion passes 4-1

Members Voting Yes
Chairman R. Gianazza
Secretary S. Hathorn
J. Rossi
M. Mulvaney

Members Voting No
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Ron Jaffe, 21 White Pine Drive

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to enter into Executive Session @ 9:15pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Chairman R. Gianazza invited Fern Smenyak into the Executive Session. Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.